Expansion of Mobile Services in Uttaranchal

3230. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BSNL mobile connections in Uttaranchal as on 31st October, 2005;

(b) whether this mobile service has been introduced in all the districts, Block Headquarters and Tehsil Headquarters in the State;

(c) the expansion plan of this mobile service in Uttaranchal;

(d) whether mobile conncetions of BSNL are available on demand in Uttarnachal; and

(e) if not, by when such situation would prevail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) had provided 2,31,624 Cellular Mobile Connections in Uttaranchal State as on 31st October, 2005.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has so far provided Cellular Mobile Services in all the 13 District Headquarters, in 65 out of 95 Block Headquarters and in 40 out of 78 Tehsil Headquarters in Uttaranchal.

(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in the process of augmenting mobile network by around 2.75 lakh lines capacity during the current financial year.

(d) Yes, Sir. BSNL Mobile connections are available on demand in Uttaranchal State wherever mobile coverage exists.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

New infrastructure for metro cities

3231. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with one lakh additional mobile subscribers adding to the subscriber population per month in Delhi, Mumbai and other metros each, the airwaves have become jammed making it difficult to inter connect by mobile telephones; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to augment the infrastructure or to cap the subscriber limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

New Spectrum Policy

3232. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to form the new Spectrum Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to freeze fresh allocation of radio frequency to BSNL till the new policy is finalized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Formulation of a comprehensive specturm policy taking into account all relevant factors, is presently under consideration.

(c) and (d) There is no freeze on allotment of spectrum. The requirements of BSNL and other telecom service provides are met as per laid down criteria and subject to availability of spectrum.

Greater Noida as new I.T. destination

3233. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Greater Noida will be emerging as new I.T. destination after Bangalore and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided by Government to the I.T. companies for inviting them to invest in this city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Based on information provided by Uttar Pradesh (UP) State Government,